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National Park Service (NPS) Seeks Public Comments to Help Determine Management Options for 12 NPS-owned Buildings in Wilsonia within Kings Canyon National Park

Three Rivers, CA – The National Park Service (NPS) seeks public comments in determining the disposition of 12 NPS-owned buildings located within the Wilsonia area of Kings Canyon National Park. The buildings are located within the “Wilsonia Historic District” (District), which was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1996 and was subsequently expanded in 2011. For additional information about the project, including photos of each building, visit <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/seki>.

All written comments about this project must be transmitted, postmarked, or hand-delivered by December 22, 2011. To respond electronically, submit your comments at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/seki> via the NPS Planning, Environment and Public Comment website. To submit written comments by letter, you may send them by U.S. Postal Service or other mail delivery service, or hand-deliver your comments to Superintendent, Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, *Attn: Wilsonia Building Disposition Project*, 47050 Generals Highway, Three Rivers, CA 93271. In addition, faxed comments will be accepted at (559) 565-4202. **NOTE:** Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment - including your personal identifying information - may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

The NPS recently completed several studies for the NPS-owned buildings, including an Environmental Health Services inspection (2006/2007); comprehensive condition assessments (2007 and 2011); and a defensible space study for fire safety (2009). These studies will provide information to help the park develop alternatives throughout the planning process. The project will include a range of alternatives, including, but not limited to: rehabilitation for occupancy; structure rehabilitation and/or stabilization; and structure removal and restoration of the building site to natural conditions. As part of this planning process, Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks will prepare a Determination of Effect for the Wilsonia Historic District in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act and complete compliance in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act.

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